

# **The New York Times**

## **Notable Books of 2008**

### **Fiction & Poetry**

**AMERICAN WIFE.** By Curtis Sittenfeld.

**ATMOSPHERIC DISTURBANCES.** By Rivka Galchen.

**BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN.** By Charles Bock.

**BEIJING COMA.** By Ma Jian.

**A BETTER ANGEL: Stories.** By Chris Adrian.

**BLACK FLIES.** By Shannon Burke.

**THE BLUE STAR.** By Tony Earley.

**THE BOAT.** By Nam Le.

**BREATH.** By Tim Winton.

**DANGEROUS LAUGHTER: Thirteen Stories.** By Steven Millhauser.

**DEAR AMERICAN AIRLINES.** By Jonathan Miles.

**DIARY OF A BAD YEAR.** By J. M. Coetzee.

**DICTATION: A Quartet.** By Cynthia Ozick.

**THE ENGLISH MAJOR.** By Jim Harrison.

**FANON.** By John Edgar Wideman.

**THE FINDER.** By Colin Harrison.

**FINE JUST THE WAY IT IS: Wyoming Stories 3.** By Annie Proulx.

**THE GOOD THIEF.** By Hannah Tinti.

**HIS ILLEGAL SELF.** By Peter Carey.

**HOME.** By Marilynne Robinson.

**INDIGNATION.** By Philip Roth.

**THE LAZARUS PROJECT.** By Aleksandar Hemon.

**LIFE CLASS.** By Pat Barker.

**LUSH LIFE.** By Richard Price.

**A MERCY.** By Toni Morrison.

**A MOST WANTED MAN.** By John le Carré.

**MY REVOLUTIONS.** By Hari Kunzru.

**NETHERLAND.** By Joseph O'Neill.

**THE OTHER.** By David Guterson.

**OUR STORY BEGINS: New and Selected Stories.** By Tobias Wolff.

**THE ROAD HOME.** By Rose Tremain.

**THE SACRED BOOK OF THE WEREWOLF.** By Victor Pelevin.

**THE SCHOOL ON HEART'S CONTENT ROAD.** By Carolyn Chute.

**SIR GAWAIN AND THE GREEN KNIGHT: A New Verse Translation.** By Simon Armitage. *821.1 Gawain*

**TELEX FROM CUBA.** By Rachel Kushner.

**2666.** By Roberto Bolaño.

**UNACCUSTOMED EARTH.** By Jhumpa Lahiri.

**WHEN WILL THERE BE GOOD NEWS?** By Kate Atkinson.

**THE WIDOWS OF EASTWICK.** By John Updike.

**YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.** By Anne Enright.